

Notice of Allowability



Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/783,614	HUNT, GENE C.
Examiner	Art Unit
Theresa T. Snider	1744

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Am dt. of 11/27/2006.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-7 renumbered 1-6.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/20/2006 .
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James S. Pristelski on 12/20/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

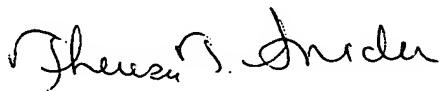
Claims 8-10, drawn to a non-elected invention, have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa T. Snider whose telephone number is (571) 272-1277. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (5:30am-2:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys Corcoran can be reached on (571) 272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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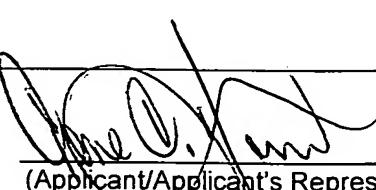
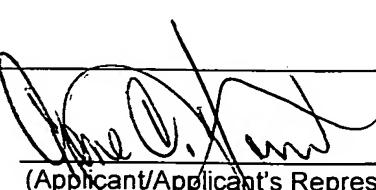
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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary 	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All Participants: (1) <u>Theresa T. Snider</u> . (2) <u>James S. Pristelski</u> .	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Status of Application: _____		Date of Interview: <u>20 December 2006</u>	
Type of Interview: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic <input type="checkbox"/> Video Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Personal (Copy given to: <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's representative)		Time: _____	
Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, provide a brief description:			
Part I.			
Rejection(s) discussed: <i>N/A</i>			
Claims discussed: <i>1-4 and 6-10</i>			
Prior art documents discussed: <i>N/A</i>			
Part II.			
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED: <i>Examiner informed Mr. Pristelski of the allowability of claims 1-4 and 6-7. Mr. Pristelski agreed to cancel claims 8-10, drawn to a non-elected invention</i>			
Part III.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability. <input type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.			
			
(Examiner/SPE Signature)		(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)	

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